against Rs. 77.11 per kg. in Jan., 1994.

(c) The prixes of man-made fibres/ yarns including Polyester Staple Fibre are primarily governed by demand, supply and market forces. However, in order to regulate the prices of these items, Govt. have from time to time taken various policysinriatives such as liberalisation of Industrial Policy to encourage creation of fresh capacity, rationalisation of fiscal levies, modification in Export-Import Policy of these fibres/ yarns, etc.

**Procurement of Cotton at Low Prices**

1077. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cotton growers are underpaid on their cotton produce to provide unfair benefit to the textile industry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the prices paid to the cotton growers in international and domestic market, separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Prices of important domestic varieties of cotton and the equivalent international varieties as on 1-12-94 are as under :—

| Equivalent International cotton varieties | Prices in International Market (Rs. per cancy); | Domestic Variety | Prices in domestic market (in Rs. per Candy) |
|---|---|---|---|
| USA ORL TEXAS . . | 20650 | J-34 SG | 19800 |
| USA MEMPHIS . . | 21268 | F-414 | 20300 |
| USA CALIFORNIA . . | 22567 | S-6 | 21200 |
| EGYPTIAN GIZA 77 . | 25935 | DCH-32 | 27000 |

**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair

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## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

**Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Central Power Research Institute, Banglore and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Annual Report and Account of the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

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